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**State Board Adopts Regulations about Substitute, Retired Teachers**

The State Board of Education and Early Development, meeting September 13 in Juneau, adopted regulations regarding substitute teachers and holders of retired teacher certificates. The board sent out for public comment proposed regulations to: 1) repeal the minimum required expenditure for instruction, in keeping with a new state law, and 2) charge fees for rental of state museum facilities.

The adopted regulation repeals requirements related to the obsolete federal term “highly qualified teachers.” The regulation also extends the period, from 20 days to 120 days, in which holders of Alaska retired teacher certificates may work as long-term substitutes, and it allows them to be employed as a long-term substitute for any position in a school.

The adopted regulation requires school districts to employ as long-term substitute teachers someone with an Alaska regular or retired certificate; if the district cannot employ such a person to fill a vacancy at the beginning of the school year, it must notify the department.

The board meeting packet is at [https://education.alaska.gov/State\\_Board/pdf/16-Sept-Packet.pdf](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/16-Sept-Packet.pdf)

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